

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1 after the title of the invention please insert the following new section:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/016,051, filed December 6, 2001 to which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 and though which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-371922, filed December 12, 2000.--

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--According to one ~~preferred~~ embodiment of this invention, the skin-contactable sheets actually comprise a pair of belt-like strips spaced from and opposed to each other in the transverse direction and respectively extending along the transversely opposite side edge portions of the undergarment in the longitudinal direction so that the skin-contactable surface inclusive of the panel may be partially surfaced between these skin-contactable sheets.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--According to another ~~preferred~~ embodiment of this invention, the undergarment further comprises a pair of substantially liquid-impervious leak-barrier cuffs spaced apart from and opposed to each other in the transverse direction and respectively extending along the transversely opposite

side edge portions of the undergarment, the leak-barrier cuffs being disposed between the base sheet and the skin-contactable sheets and attached under extension tension in the longitudinal direction to the skin-contacting surface of the undergarment, the leak-barrier cuffs having fixed side edge portions secured to the transversely opposite side edge portions of the undergarment and extending and extending in the longitudinal direction, free side edge portions being stretchable in the longitudinal direction and normally biased to rise on the skin-contactable surface and longitudinally opposite fixed end portions collapsed onto the skin-contactable surface and fixed to the longitudinally opposite end portions of the undergarment in such collapsed state so that the free surface area on the skin-contactable sheet is kept spaced upward from the free side edge portions of the leak-barrier cuffs.--

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5 with the following paragraph:

-- According to the still another preferred embodiment of this invention, the skin-contactable skin is made of an elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric.--

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--According to further another preferred embodiment of this invention, the skin-contactable sheet is made of a non-stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric and elastically stretchable members are attached under extension tension in the longitudinal direction to the non-stretchable fibrous fabric so that the skin-contactable sheet may have stretchability in the longitudinal direction.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18 with the following paragraph:

--The skin-contactable sheets 5 in Fig. 1 may be formed ~~using~~ from an elastically stretchable hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric obtained by the melt blown or spun bond process. Component fiber of such elastic stretchable nonwoven fabric may be stretchable fibers ~~may be stretchable fibers~~ obtained by melting and spinning thermoplastic elastomer resin. The elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric may be a composite nonwoven fabric consisting of a hydrophilic fibrous nonwoven fabric mad of thermoplastic elastomer resin fiber and a hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric comprising crimped fiber which is obtained by melting and spinning thermoplastic synthetic resin such as polypropylene, polyethylene or polyester bonded to at least one surface of the hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric.--